

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

Fire, on the 27th, did \$30,000 damage to business property at Villa Ridge, Ill.

Hon. Whitelaw Reid, it was announced on the 27th, will succeed Joseph H. Choate as ambassador to Great Britain.

Because of a technicality extradition papers for Dr. Chadwick were refused Sheriff Barry of Cleveland, O., by Gov. Odell of New York.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador to the United States, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into the Russian foreign service on the 28th.

The earl of Suffolk and his bride, formerly Miss Daisy Leiter, and Col. Colin Campbell and his bride, who was Miss Nancy Leiter, sailed for Europe on the 28th.

The recent capture of Rihlung mountain by the Japanese permits the mounting of heavy guns, and gives them command of the city and harbor of Port Arthur.

The farmers and merchants of Clay county, Ga., met, on the 28th, at Port Gaines, and decided to burn their share of two million bales of surplus cotton, hoping thereby to raise the price.

A Tokio dispatch says that practically the whole of Admiral Togo's fleet is ready to start southward. If the Baltic fleet is sighted he will abandon the blockade of Port Arthur and sail to meet it.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, on the 26th, to a London news agency, says that the Russian authorities have closed Moscow university until February 1, owing to recent student disturbances.

Republican members of the Colorado legislature, who are followers of former Senator Wolcott, declare they will never endorse a proposition to count out Alva Adams, the democratic governor elect.

The most severe blizzard of recent years raged throughout the territory lying between the Rocky mountains and the great lakes, on the 27th, causing much trouble to transportation of all kinds and impeding telegraphic communication.

Russian officers from the Baltic squadron are prepared to go before the international commission, in Paris, and insist that Japanese torpedo boats were present among the Hull fishing fleet on the occasion of the Dogger bank affair in the North sea.

Upon his refusal to answer questions put to him in the grand jury room King R. Conners, a colored republican worker of Pueblo, Col., was, on the 27th, sentenced to the county jail for one year and fined \$2,000 by District Judge Voorhies, of that city.

John P. Dolan, Thomas E. Barrett and Frank Garrett, all of St. Louis, under sentence of five years each for naturalization frauds, surrendered to United States Marshal Morsey, on the 27th, and began their terms of imprisonment in the Missouri penitentiary.

W. H. Jones, manager of the Chicago office of the Washburn-Crosby company, wholesale flour dealers of Minneapolis, Minn., died in Chicago, on the 29th, from injuries sustained in a fall over a baluster in his home. His skull and neck were broken by the fall.

A syndicate for which Attorney P. D. Quigley, of Cleveland, O., is spokesman, is said to be ready and willing to furnish bail up to the sum of \$40,000 to procure the release of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, held in jail in that city awaiting trial on the charge of forgery.

It was officially announced, on the 29th, that Chauncey Miteall Dewey, of New York, would succeed himself for a term of six years as United States senator from New York state, continuing as the colleague of senior Senator Thomas C. Platt, who has four years to serve.

A news agency dispatch from Rome, on the 26th, stated that Gen. Stoessel, the Russian commander at Port Arthur, had appealed to Gen. Nogi, the Japanese commander, asking that hostilities be suspended for 24 hours, and that he be allowed in that time to remove the wounded from Port Arthur.

Hon. Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, the candidate of the people's party for president in the last election, incorporated with the secretary of state of New York, on the 27th, a stock company called "Tom Watson's Magazine," for the purpose of publishing and circulating a monthly literary periodical of that name.

Countess Montignoso, formerly the Crown Princess Louise, and divorced wife of King Frederick Augustus of Saxony, by going to Dresden and trying to see her children on December 22, has probably forfeited her allowance of \$7,500, one of the conditions of which was that she should not set foot on German soil.

By petition in the United States district court at St. Paul, Minn., on the 27th, on behalf of the United States, Attorney-General Moody began a suit against the General Paper Co. and other companies, comprising what is known as the Paper trust, under an act of congress, approved July 2, 1890, entitled "An act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies."

W. L. Davis, of the Delta Paper & Pulp Co., of Eau Claire, Wis., one of the concerns mentioned as defendants in the application against the General Paper Co. et al by the attorney-general in the United States district court of St. Paul, Minn., says the General Paper Co., of Chicago, was organized as a selling agency for such paper companies as wished to join, but that it was not an illegal combination or trust.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

United States Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, did a strenuous stint at Indianapolis, on the 27th. From the position of candidate, in the morning he passed the apprentice, fellow craft and master mason's degrees before midnight, winding up by attending a grand banquet.

An imperial ukase, issued on the 26th, by Emperor Nicholas of Russia, makes decidedly liberal promises of reform under a number of heads.

Miss Caroline Eyres, reputed to be the richest girl in England, has married Bolton Monnell, a penniless lieutenant in the British navy. Miss Eyres, as a bride, brought her husband a dowry of \$5,000,000 in her own right, and there is much more to follow.

On the 27th Rev. Father T. F. Lillis, of Kansas City, Mo., was consecrated bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Leavenworth, Kas.

On the 27th the four-story warehouse and the entire stock and fixtures of the Fuller & Johnson-Sugart company, at Council Bluffs, Ia., was completely destroyed by fire, causing a loss on the building estimated at \$50,000, and on the stock of about \$100,000.

Wholesale charges of corruption in the handling of Red Cross funds by Russian officials have estranged the people and practically put a stop to subscriptions.

An east-bound Wabash passenger train ran into a freight train on a switch near Port Wayne, Ind., on the 27th, killing one man and injuring ten others.

At Portland, Ore., on the 27th, the federal grand jury returned seven indictments in connection with the land fraud cases now under investigation in that city.

On the 27th John Butler and Guy Reed, the two negroes who were convicted of the murder of R. G. Story at Thomson, Ga., were hanged in that city.

Gov. Peabody of Colorado has refused the request from the governor of Missouri for T. J. Parker, wanted at Sedalia on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

President Beckwith of the Oberlin (O.) bank, the ruin of which was brought by Mrs. Chadwick, was reported, on the 28th, to be in a critical condition.

Four men were killed and one injured at Wallville, Wash., on the 28th, by an explosion of four boilers in a saw mill plant.

The Japanese are preparing to make a general assault on Port Arthur, proceeding simultaneously from the east and the west.

Fire destroyed the Coon block and several other buildings at Estherville, Ia., on the 28th. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

More miles of railroad track were laid in Missouri in 1904 than in any other state or territory in the United States.

The total farm value of the principal crops of the United States, excepting cotton, on December 1, was \$2,734,883,702.

The Japanese, on the evening of the 28th, had succeeded in occupying the entire fort on Rihlung mountain, in the defenses of Port Arthur. They are busy sapping the northeastern fort preparatory to another assault.

Gov. Odell's warrant for the extradition of Dr. Chadwick, from New York to Ohio, was mailed, on the 28th, from Albany to New York city, directed to Sheriff Barry, of Cleveland, O. The steamship Pretoria, with Dr. Chadwick on board, was not expected until the 30th.

It is reported by way of Tokio that the Russian Port Arthur headquarters have been removed to the foot of Laotshian mountain, preparatory to retirement to the fortress there as a last resort.

The New York cotton market took a decided slump, on the 28th, immediately following the publication of the census bureau ginning report. The figure announced is 11,848,113 commercial bales up to December 13, compared with 8,747,669 bales in the same time last year.

The coroner's jury at Mount Carmel, Ill., in the case of the victims of the Christmas day wreck on the Southern railway, found the company responsible, with the other parties, for hiring men weak both mentally and physically for positions of responsibility, and in this case hiring a man nearly dead with consumption and a cripple, at a salary of only \$40 a month, to do the work of two able-bodied men.

Seven of nine convicts at the California state prison at Folsom, who made a break for liberty, on the 29th, were almost riddled with bullets, three being dead and three in a critical condition.

After spending the entire day in fruitless balloting, the new Delaware legislature, which convened in extra session, on the 29th, adjourned without having effected a permanent organization.

Hollis hall, the historic dormitory on the old campus of Harvard university at Cambridge, Mass., was damaged by fire, on the 29th, and the building was barely saved from destruction.

Judge Charles M. Walker, of Chicago, has decided that the city of Chicago is not liable for damages growing out of the loss of life in connection with the Iroquois theater fire.

The town of Hartford, Ark., in the center of the coal mining district of Sebastian county, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on the 29th. The estimated loss exceeds \$100,000.

The annual report on Illinois coal industry shows 157 deaths in mines during the past year, and the total output of mines was \$7,077,897 tons.

Admiral Kaznakoff, Russia's representative on the North sea commission, has been recalled, and Vice-Admiral Doubassoff has been sent to Paris to relieve him.

The Chinese government, through the imperial vice commissioner to the World's fair, Wong Kai-Kah, has presented to President Francis the Chinese pavilion at the exposition. The tender was made in person by Mr. Wong and accepted by Mr. Francis.

S. W. Jacobs and Charles J. Van Anden, of Chicago, were, on the 29th, sentenced to imprisonment on charges of using the mails to promote "wild cat" insurance.

The Madrid Epoca prints conspicuously a report of the projected betrothal of King Alfonso and Princess Victoria, youngest daughter of the duke of Connaught.

Phillipe, crown prince of Portugal, and Princess Margaret, oldest daughter of the duke of Connaught.

Dr. Hiram W. Young, a well known young physician of St. Louis, who started, on the 28th, in company with E. Hopkins, a young civil engineer, on a cruise to Florida in a gasoline launch, which he had received as a Christmas present, was drowned in the Mississippi river, about twenty-five miles below St. Louis, on the 29th, by the upsetting of the launch, which struck a snag.

A Tokio dispatch says the Japanese captured 43 guns when the Rihlung fort, in the defenses of Port Arthur, was taken.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

It was reported, on the 2d, that Becash, the chief of the Ben M'Sur tribesmen, had been killed while raiding a village near Tangier, Morocco. Becash led the last attack on the residence of Walter B. Harris, the Tangier correspondent of the London Times on December 2.

Deputy Attorney-General Norris Brown, of Nebraska, was, on the 2d, permitted by the state supreme court to file application for a rehearing in the case wherein the law permitting state officers to give indemnity bonds is declared unconstitutional.

Six persons were injured, three probably fatally, on the 2d, in a collision on an L. bridge between a freight train and a combination "pony" engine and passenger car, used to carry passengers between Bridgebury, Ont., and Buffalo, N. Y.

Fire on the 2d, destroyed the department store of Jacob Steinback, of Long Branch, N. J., causing a loss of \$200,000. Adjoining buildings were damaged by fire and water, and several firemen were overcome by smoke.

Three men, who gave their names as Tom Johnson, Charles Taylor and J. W. Hill, were arrested at Oklahoma City, Okla., on the 2d, for alleged connection with the murder of W. M. Russell, sheriff of Grayson county, Tex.

Judge Don A. Pardee, of the United States circuit court at New Orleans, signed a decree, on the 2d, placing the New Orleans Railways Co. in the hands of two receivers, Elyn C. Foster and Pearl Wright.

The eighth general assembly of Idaho convened at Boise, on the 2d, and organized, J. Frank Hunt, of Banock county, a prominent Mormon, being elected speaker of the house.

The Russian and Japanese commissioners appointed to arrange the terms of capitulation of the Russian force at Port Arthur, signed the compact of surrender on the 2d.

With the consent of Bishop Tuttle, the presentment against Bishop Talbot is to be withdrawn, and another, which calls for answer to more serious charges, prepared.

Building, loan and homestead companies of Illinois show great gains during the past year, and the total resources are now more than \$40,000,000.

Brevet Brig-Gen. Edward R. Warner, U. S. A., retired, died suddenly of heart disease in New York city, on the 2d.

The president is determined to avoid a scramble for offices to be filled during his new administrative term.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, will go before grand jury and explain his connection with the alleged land frauds.

The Hayti bank fraud cases may involve France, Germany and the United States in a test of the Monroe doctrine.

If he can secure 2 pledges in Greater New York, Gov. Odell claims Chauncey Dewey will be defeated re-election.

A severe blizzard, accompanied by sleet, snow and high winds, raged over the whole northwestern country Monday.

The United States military attaches who have been with Gen. Kuropatkin in Manchuria, are returning to Washington.

Thirteen thousand poor people were fed in the Coliseum building at St. Louis, Monday, under the auspices of the Post-Dispatch.

Miss "Daisy" Leiter and the earl of Suffolk were quietly wedded in Washington, Monday. They will sail for England, December 28.

Wholesale charges of corruption in handling Russian Red Cross funds have estranged the Russian public and cut off its chief revenues.

An alleged absconding hotel clerk, who was taken back to St. Louis to face charge of embezzlement, blames the races for his downfall.

Rev. Dr. W. B. Palmore of St. Louis has departed on a six months' trip which will take him to Panama, South America and Great Britain.

Letters received at St. Louis indicate that it is the purpose of the Japanese to get up a big World's fair after the close of the Russo-Japanese war.

A bill to be urged by the Illinois State Teachers' association provides that state normal graduates shall receive two years' certificates as teachers.

Elmer Hunt, of Chicago, who posed with a bottle on his head as a target for a friend to test his aim upon, was killed by the pistol shot missing its mark.

It is reported to Washington that the surveys of the French engineers for the Panama canal are unreliable and that American engineers will have to do the work again.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

State Tribune Changes Hands.

The State Tribune has been sold to John G. Leslie and Byron E. Leslie, who will continue the daily and weekly Tribune under the name of the Jefferson City Tribune. This is the name the paper had before it was sold to Hugh Stephens, who changed the name to the State Tribune. The Tribune Printing Co. disposed of the paper in order that it may give its entire attention to the state printing and the general line of books and job printing which is being done by it. The consideration paid was \$2,000 for the subscription list and good will.

Gillespie in Trouble.

John Gillespie, partner of John L. Sullivan, the renowned heavyweight pugilist, in conducting a resort in St. Louis, is charged by Assistant Circuit Attorney Hancock with aiding and abetting false registration. It is said that 101 names were registered from his saloon on October 22. Gillespie was an early explorer of the Klondike region, where he amassed quite a fortune, some of which he still retains.

Hunter Accidentally Killed.

While attempting to extract a shell from a repeating shotgun, G. D. Cassteel accidentally shot and killed F. Finch, a young man, with whom he went hunting, near St. Joseph. Finch was pulling on his overcoat and, although it caught most of the charge, one shot penetrated the eye and reached the brain, causing death. Finch is survived by a widow and four small children.

And She Earned It.

Mrs. C. S. Tisdale, of Gainesville, has received a draft for \$250 from a publishing concern in Boston for writing the best composition of 25 words on Manila. She wrote: "Basking in a tropical sun, renowned for its sugar tobacco and flax; people by all nations; protected by our glorious government. Ah! this is Manila."

Boy Accidentally Shoots Himself.

Jesse Pritchett, 10 years old, whose father had given him a gun for a Christmas present, went rabbit hunting in a field six miles north of Carthage, where his father was drilling for ore. He stumbled and fell, discharging the contents of the gun into his bowels. Doctors say he can not recover.

Editor Attempts to Kill Himself.

Editor William McNair of the Bakerville Republican tried to commit suicide by swallowing morphine, but his life was saved by physicians. Business troubles growing out of the suspension of his paper probably caused the attempt to end his life.

Fatal Stabbing Affray.

Albert Anderson, of Douglas county, stabbed and instantly killed David Smith and, it is thought, mortally wounded his brother, Tom Smith. The difficulty occurred at the home of Owen Bell, 15 miles north of Gainesville.

Frisky Elected to Senate.

The Fourth senatorial district elected E. H. Frisby, of Mercer county, to the state senate to succeed Lieut.-Gov. elect John C. McKinley. There was no democratic candidate and no organized opposition to Frisby. The vote was light.

Tragedy Follows Christmas Gift.

Clarence Hunter, a 14-year-old negro, who had received a 22-caliber rifle for a Christmas present, participated in a wild west show with a number of other boys, and shot and killed his brother, aged 15, in Kansas City.

Baby Drowned in Tub.

While Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, residing near Montgomery City, were in Wellsville, their 18-months-old daughter, whom they had left in charge of their 13-year-old brother, fell into a tub of water and was drowned.

Marshal Justified in Killing.

Homicide under justifiable circumstances was the verdict of a jury impaneled by Coroner Baron in the case of C. C. Lee, who was shot and killed by Marshal Nace of Webster Groves. Nace shot in self-defense.

Defended Lincoln Institute.

Dr. Jesse, of the state university, aroused the protests of negro educators in an address before their association at Columbia when he said that Lincoln institute is not the school that it ought to be.

They Are Wearing Stripes.

Thomas E. Barrett, John P. Dolan and Frank Garrett, convicted of naturalization frauds committed in St. Louis, are now wearing stripes in the state penitentiary.

What the Teachers Want.

The State Teachers' association, in session at Columbia, passed resolutions demanding the repeal of the text-book law and asking for a compulsory attendance law.

Honored by the Mikado.

The Japanese emperor has conferred decorations upon three St. Louis World's fair officials, President Francis receiving the order of the Rising Sun.

Pistol and Knife Used.

At a dance in the western part of Douglas county, "Shug" Williams was fatally shot by Charles Anderson, and Young Denny was fatally stabbed.

To Recast Statue.

St. Louis officials are considering means of raising funds to recast the statue of St. Louis in bronze to be placed in one of the parks.

Jewelry Store Robbed.

While the proprietor was at dinner, burglars forced their way into Tetley's jewelry store, at Flat River, and stole stock valued at \$1,000.

Unidentified Body Found.

The dead body of an unidentified man was found near Lee's Summit. The body bore no marks by which it could be identified.

St. Louis Is Healthy.

St. Louis is proven to be a most healthy city by figures governing 64 years, as compiled by Civil Engineer Robert Moore.

Missouri in the Lead.

More miles of railroad track were laid in Missouri in 1904 than in any other state in the country.

PORT ARTHUR HAS FINALLY YIELDED

The Foes Meet and Agree on Terms of Surrender.

JAPS TO HONOR BRAVE FOE

Mikado Orders Gen. Nogi to Show Vanquished Every Courtesy—Japanese Army to Enter the City on Tuesday.

Tokio, Jan. 3.—The text of Gen. Nogi's telegram announcing the capitulation of the Russian forces at Port Arthur is as follows: "The plenipotentiaries of both powers concluded their negotiations on Monday at 4:30 o'clock. The Russian commanders accepted on the whole the conditions stipulated by us and consented to capitulate. The document has been prepared and signatures are now being affixed. Simultaneously with the conclusion of negotiations, both armies suspended hostilities. It is expected that the Japanese army will enter the city of Port Arthur on Tuesday."

Tokio, Jan. 3.—The Russian and Japanese commissioners appointed to arrange the terms of capitulation of the Russian forces at Port Arthur signed the compact of surrender at 9:45 o'clock Monday night.

Tokio, Jan. 3.—Port Arthur has surrendered. Exhausted by months of almost constant fighting, decimated by disease and casualties, and hopelessly sealed in its rock fortress, the gallant garrison has yielded, and the end is written to the most dramatic war incident of modern times.

At nine o'clock Sunday night Gen. Nogi, commanding the Japanese army of investment, received from the Russian general, Stoessel, a note saying that he had found further resistance useless, and asking for a meeting to arrange terms of capitulation. The note was simple and direct, and the Japanese general immediately named commissioners to confer with representatives of the Russian commander.

They met at noon Monday to arrange the conditions of surrender. The nature of the terms agreed on is not yet known, but dispatches from the front indicate that they will be of the



GEN. NOGI, Commanding the Japanese Forces at Port Arthur.

most magnanimous character. The Mikado, through the chief of the imperial staff, has given the public his expression that "Gen. Stoessel has rendered commendable service to his country in the midst of difficulties," and that it is his wish that "military honors be shown him." Military men believe that the entire garrison will be allowed to march out under arms, and may be sent to Russia on parole.

Late dispatches from Japan have shown that the gallant defense of Stoessel and his men has nowhere been given a finer appreciation than in the land of his foes, and it is more than likely that Japan will embrace the opportunity to show her magnanimity and admiration of the gallantry of Port Arthur's defenders by allowing them all the honors which a victorious army may bestow upon the vanquished.

AS PARIS VIEWS IT.

French Newspapers Discuss Matter in a Tone of Sadness.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The news of the surrender of Port Arthur created a profound impression here, and was the universal theme of conversation in official and diplomatic quarters and with the public generally. The newspapers discuss the matter at much length, and in a tone of sadness. The Russian officials here learned the situation from dispatches from Tokio, while the Japanese legation received a brief official summary of the progress of negotiations. The prevailing French view is summed up by the Temps, which says:

ODDITIES FROM OTHER LANDS.

There are nearly 100 High Streets in London.

London women who wish to excite compassion when begging by having a young baby with them can hire the necessary article for 12 cents a day.

At a debate in the Preston (England) town council, a member said that for many years the River Ribble had been "a proverbial dog in the manger. Every body kicked it."

"Why 'Philosopher' John Burdett?" asked an English judge concerning one of the parties to a chancery suit the other day. "Christened that way, my lord," replied P. J. Burdett's counsel.

On account of the abolition of his office as returning officer of the school board elections, H. List, of Penge, England, has been allowed 50 cents per annum as compensation. Each quarter he will receive a check for 12½ cents.

A divorced woman's club has been founded by Roman Catholic women in Vienna. The object is to obtain such an alteration of the law that Roman Catholics who have been delivered may marry again. At the present time marriages are illegal in Austria.

THE HISTORIC DEFENSE OF SEVASTOPOL

has now been surpassed, Port Arthur adding a glorious page to military annals which will long remain unequalled.

Continuing, the Temps points out that the surrender will exert a tremendous moral effect favorable to Japan.

The Japanese, the paper says, are now revenged for the loss of Port Arthur after the Chino-Japanese war.

French military critics regard the surrender of Port Arthur as rendering Gen. Kuropatkin's position increasingly dangerous, as the besieging army of 80,000 men is now released, and will reinforce the Japanese army in the north. It is expected that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron will proceed no further in the direction of the seat of war.

The hope is expressed in some official quarters that the surrender of the fortress will hasten peace; but the prevailing view is that the fall will accentuate Russia's resistance.

Some Paris journals assert that Japanese occupation of Port Arthur will constitute a menace to all Europe, which the chancelleries should prepare to meet.

THE NEWS IN LONDON.

Capitulation of Port Arthur the One Topic of Discussion.

London, Jan. 3.—The capitulation of Port Arthur was the sensation of London. It was the one topic of discussion from the street corners, Monday, where groups were sheltered from the driving snow to the comfortable service clubs, the legations and the rest.



GEN. STOESEL, Commander of the Russian Forces at Port Arthur.

ences and offices of cabinet ministers. Everywhere the utmost admiration was expressed for the defenders and the attacking, and the probability that Gen. Nogi has made concessions to the gallant Gen. Stoessel is received with much satisfaction. The announcement of the fall of the Russian stronghold created little surprise in official and diplomatic circles where it had been discounted by recent events. It was known as early as last October, that notwithstanding the brave showing in the official dispatches, Stoessel's resources were nearly at an end.

Nowhere, not even at the Russian embassy, was there a doubt concerning the generosity of the Japanese in arrangement of the final terms. In diplomatic circles, the main question was that of the effect of the surrender. The consensus of opinion was that it might tend in the direction of peace, but none dared venture to say that peace is in sight. It is believed it will do no more than to bring out suggestions from foreign governments.

RUSSIA WITHHOLDS THE NEWS.

Public is Still in Ignorance of the Surrender.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—While there is no longer any doubt in official circles in St. Petersburg that the fate of Port Arthur has been decided and Gen. Stoessel's long and gallant defense ended, news of the surrender has not been allowed to reach the public. Foreign telegrams regarding the matter have been withheld from the newspapers pending the issue of the official announcement here. The government is following the dictates of its own judgment in this course, but the public so, far, is entirely unprepared for news which must prove a serious blow when it comes. The newspapers so far merely intimate that the defense of the garrison is proceeding as usual, but every one has realized for some time that the end was approaching, and there is no question, but that the majority if they were prepared by a preliminary announcement by the government, could forgive the loss of the fortress in admiration of the garrison's heroic defense.

Entire Town Reported Destroyed.

Paris, Jan. 3.—A Chefoo dispatch to the Temps says the officers of the Russian torpedo